

REMARKS

Claims 14-16, 19 and 21-22 are pending.

By this Supplemental Response, Applicant submits an accurate English-language translation of priority document JP H10-027779 filed January 26, 1998. Thus, Applicant has now perfected the claim for priority.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Pokrzywa in the September 28 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Because Maruyama (U.S. Patent No. 6,430,272) has a filing date of April 30, 1998 and the priority documents has a filing date of January 26, 1998, it is respectfully submitted that Maruyama cannot be used as prior art against the claimed invention.

Therefore, claims 14-16, 19 and 21-22 define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

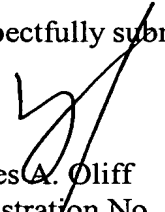
Additionally, Fig. 1 has been corrected for a typographical error. Specifically, reference numerals 5 and 15 should be 'MAIL SERVER' and not 'MAIN SERVER'.

Approval and entry of Fig. 1 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 14-16, 19 and 21-22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Attachment:

English-language Translation of Priority Document JP H10-027779
Replacement Drawing Fig. 1

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 1 and replace the original sheet with Fig. 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet